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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population.

We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 1116, "An Act Requiring Criminal History Record Checks for Youth Camp Employees and Volunteers"

This bill would require that municipalities and others running youth camps require persons to submit to state and national criminal background checks if such persons are (1) employed by such camps, (2) volunteering at such camps, (3) applying for paid or volunteer positions at such camps or (4) associated with such camps and are transporting children attending such camps.

CCM is unaware of the fiscal impact such a proposal would have on towns and cities. We urge the Committee to obtain a fiscal note prior to voting on this proposal.

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas or Gian-Carl Casa of CCM at (203) 498-3000.